



# Merry Christmas



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going on

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Los Angeles Mayor Sam Yorty said Saturday civil disorder will stop only when unemployment ceases. Story on Page 3A.

## Missouri

**HELP GIVEN TO POTOSI . . .** Residents of the Sullivan, Mo., area have contributed \$1,560 and food, clothing, toys, bedding and other needed goods for people in Potosi, Mo., who were hard hit by the tornado Thursday.

A check for the total amount of contributions was to be turned over Saturday to the Washington County Health Center for the tornado victims.

**WOMAN STILL ALIVE . . .** A young woman who showed signs of life after being pronounced dead and sent to the St. Louis morgue was reported in critical condition at city hospital Saturday. Police identified the woman as Glenda Gampher, 23, of Ballwin, Mo.

Mrs. Gampher was found about 1:15 p.m. Friday lying on a frozen lake in Forest Park by 9-year-old Brett Cervantes, son of Mayor A. J. Cervantes, and a companion, John Earl, 12.

## National

**WAR STEPUP FAVORED . . .** Americans are becoming more determined to see the Vietnam war through and favor a limited stepup, the Louis Harris public opinion poll reports.

The consensus—58 per cent to 24 per cent—is that the way to achieve a negotiated peace is “to convince the Communists they will lose the war if they continue the fighting.” The same issue last July found favor by only 45 to 42 per cent.

## International

**FIRE HITS CARRIER . . .** Fire broke out aboard the 38,000-ton U. S. aircraft carrier Kearsarge in Sasebo, Japan, Saturday soon after the ship's arrival from Vietnam to observe the Christmas holidays.

Three crewmen were reported killed and two others were injured.

## Happy Birthday Tomorrow

J. N. Bass, Angela Zanele Beahr, Mrs. W. B. Bickley, Mrs. Nannie Brown, Wendell Ray Coonce, Mrs. Cecil Elder, Bert E. Garrett, Roy Lee Grant, Miss Mary McMullen, Bonnie Murdock, Marcia Nichols, Mrs. Arvil Plott, Mrs. Wayne Reynolds, Julie Saalberg, Mark Paul Short, Mrs. W. P. Tate, Mrs. Ellis J. Tibbs, Mrs. James Ussary, Dewey Welch

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TUESDAY

Eldon Breedlove, Mrs. Stephen R. Donovan, Eric B. Griffin, Mark Heibel, Karen Higgins, Mrs. Henrietta Krause, Mrs. Dale Kreigh, Bob McNamara, Teresa Morrow, Donald Seltam, Mrs. Ethel Smith, Melinda Spencer, Leo Teel, Mrs. Gregory Vroegindewey

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## Talks Center on Vietnam President, Pope Confer

ROME (UPI) — President Johnson dropped into the Vatican by helicopter Saturday night for talks with Pope Paul VI and announced he and the pontiff “agreed that an honorable settlement” of the Vietnam war “was still possible.”

The President and the Pope met for an hour in the Pope's private library in the Apostolic Palace on the last leg of Johnson's Christmas trip around the world that took him to South Vietnam for visits with American troops.

Johnson took off from Ciampino Airport in Air Force One at 4:05 p.m. (Columbia time) Saturday for his trip back to Washington.

At the Vatican the talks centered on Vietnam and the Pope's role as a possible

peace mediator in the war.

An hour before the meeting, the Pope appealed for peace in his annual Christmas message in a world he said was “fraught with ever more serious and fearsome offensives and menaces.”

Johnson, in a Rome arrival statement, praised the pontiff for Vatican peace efforts, saying his moves to end the fighting and “the moral force he exerts are assets which should be employed in constructing a future without war.”

Speaking with newsmen after his conference with the Pope, Johnson said he had “come around the world to call on him in the spirit of his offer for unarmed cooperation for the restoration of peace.”

“We discussed possible plans for peace

and agreed that an honorable settlement of the war was still possible,” Johnson said.

The President said he and the pontiff agreed that “mutual restraint” was needed by both sides in the war. Johnson said hopes for ending the fighting would increase if both sides accepted this concept of “mutual restraint.”

“We would be willing to stop the bombing and go to the conference table,” Johnson said. He said the United States would “agree to any proposal that will substitute the word and the vote for the grenade and the knife in Vietnam.”

Johnson said the Communist side had given no indication of peace moves. Pope Paul Friday appealed to the Hanoi re-

gime to give some sign it was seriously interested in peace and pleaded for a halt in U.S. bombing of North Vietnam.

The Vatican meeting ended at 10:01 p.m. as police and cold weather broke up anti-Johnson and anti-Vietnam war demonstrations by hundreds of Communist-inspired Italians in the heart of Rome.

Authorities imposed the heaviest security in Rome's history to protect Johnson from the demonstrators and the guard succeeded in keeping them away from the President.

Johnson left the Vatican at 10:30 p.m., flying back to Ciampino Airport seven miles away where Air Force One was waiting to fly him home to the White House. (Continued on Page 4)

## Christmas Truce Begins In Vietnam

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
The guns began falling silent in Vietnam Sunday under a Christmas truce and most of the world could rejoice that for a brief period at least there was “peace on earth.”

Despite the threat of Communist truce violations, U. S. and allied troops in the green jungles, hills and rice paddies of South Vietnam looked forward to special Christmas dinners. The Americans will get turkey.

Far to the northeast, on the bleak and cold hills of South Korea, other American soldiers watched the enemy in North Korea across the demilitarized zone as they waited for Christmas.

Pope Paul VI in his annual Christmas message to the world wished peace for those who suffer or hunger and to the nation's leaders. He asked the world leaders not to arm their nations “to the point of fatal risks, nor fight one another.”

It was a dismal day in Bethlehem, where Christ was born. Icy gales drove rain in sheets across the cobbled street and officials feared only a fraction of the 20,000 Christmas pilgrims expected would make it to Bethlehem. They said Israel had limited travel to holders of special passes and the threat of Arab saboteurs operating around Bethlehem also discouraged travelers.

It also was an unhappy Christmas for Berliners. For the second straight year, Communist authorities refused passes to West Berliners wanting to cross the Red Wall laden with gifts for relatives in East Berlin. The only passes were issued to a few hardship cases.

After discussing peace in Vietnam with Pope Paul in Vatican City, President Johnson hoped to be home from his world-girdling trip to spend Christmas eve in the White House with his entire family gathered about him.

As do most American families, the White House had a Christmas tree, a five-foot Norway spruce standing on the spot where President Benjamin Harrison placed the first White House Christmas tree in 1889.

For many Americans, it will be a white Christmas, with snow storms swirling out of the Midwest to the Atlantic seaboard. Snow fell as far south as North Carolina.

The snow and ice increased the hazards of holiday travel for Americans. The National Safety Council estimated that 625-725 persons would be killed on streets and highways in the Christmas holiday period that will end at midnight Monday.

In Britain and on the European continent, stores staggered under the onslaught of a last-minute Christmas shopping spree. British European Airways ran 40 extra flights out of London for holiday makers. Most Britons headed for Scottish ski slopes, to Switzerland, or to the warmer climates of Malta in the Mediterranean and Spain.

In South America, where it is summer, the bang of firecrackers heralded the arrival of the Christmas season and there was a carnival air in most cities and towns.

## Marines Didn't Mind

DANAN, South Vietnam (UPI) — Steamy novels with titles like “Pageant of Lust” and “Confessions of a French Countess” turned up among the playing cards and writing paper in some Marines' Christmas packages. The Red Cross Saturday said it was all a mystery.



TWO OF SANTA'S HELPERS, Jaycees Bob Pugh (left) and Jack Estes, prepare to distribute toys and bring some Christmas joy into the hearts of children in needy families. The toys were collected during the Jaycee-sponsored Operation Sleightride. (Missourian Photo)

## Shiny Toys Distributed In Operation Sleightride

The National Guard Armory resembled Santa's toyland Saturday when toys collected for Operation Sleightride were assembled there for distribution.

Operation Sleightride, sponsored by the Jaycees, is a project to provide gifts for children from needy families. The project will help about 200 children have a merrier Christmas this year.

Parents from families selected by Columbia welfare agencies visited the Armory from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday to pick out toys for their children. Freshly painted bicycles and tricycles, toy dump trucks and brightly dressed dolls were among the toys available.

Inmates from Moberly Medium Security Prison, employees of the State Farm Insurance Co. and Stephens College students donated their services to repair and paint toys and help bring joy to many young hearts.

Jim Offutt, Jaycee president, said em-

ployes at State Farm Insurance Co. held a doll-dressing contest and then donated the dolls to the Jaycees. Students in Wood Hall at Stephens College restored and dressed 300 dolls, while the prison inmates rebuilt and painted about 35 bicycles and tricycles for the project.

## No Monday Edition

Employees of The Missourian will take a day off Monday in observance of Christmas. As a result, The Missourian will not publish again until Tuesday. To keep up with the latest news, stay tuned to KOMU-TV, Channel 8.

## '67 a Good Year — Hearnese

By GOV. WARREN E. HEARNES  
Written for United Press International  
JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (UPI) — It is my opinion that historians will note 1967 as having been a good year for Missouri, because it appears at this time that developments during the past 12 months will have far-reaching significance for the growth and improvement of our state.

Foremost among these developments have been actions taken by the 74th General Assembly.

The establishment of a Turnpike Authority, which awaits a court test before formal work can proceed, is perhaps the most widely known result of the 1967 Legislative session. But revisions of the insurance, securities and banking codes, while not generally understood because of their technical nature, also can have a profound effect for the betterment of life in Missouri.

The extension of state aid to public

schools which added the kindergarten level will be of direct benefit to all families with small children. The individual citizen also was aided by creation of a Consumer Fraud Division in the attorney general's office which will protect consumers from unethical or illegal sales gimmicks.

Local officials will receive new assistance in solving their problems from the Department of Community Affairs which was created in 1967. It will be safer to drive cars in these communities and on the highways because of a new program for mandatory vehicle inspection.

Substantial improvements were made in aid to education, the broadening of welfare benefits, extension of the mental health program and in warding off federal intervention in several fields, leaving the decision to be made at the state level.

Aside from legislative achievements, 1967 was a good year for Missouri's economy because of industrial growth, low un-

employment and increasing salaries. The attraction of industry continued at a pace similar to that of 1966, when 134 new plants and 168 plant expansions resulted in 25,397 new jobs for Missouri residents.

Unemployment at year's end stood at 3.2 per cent, which was well below the national average. Per capita income continued to keep pace with the national growth and was ahead of what are usually thought of as the “fast-growing, big-money” states — California and New York.

At the present time, I view 1968 as a year which will see more prosperity and more improvement of our daily living conditions, based to a large degree upon the logical extension of steps which were taken in 1967.

Many of the industrial announcements which we heard in 1967 will take shape with the actual construction of plants and (Continued on Page 4)